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LIKE WATER TO THE THIRSTY

22 lakes to get new life

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MIND THE GAP, BILEKAHALLI

Slabs of footpaths outside houses removed

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As test positivity puts elderly, first to receive vaccine, at higher risk, experts stress upon importance of booster jab

THINKING POSITIVE

60 years plus age group highly vulnerable

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A majority of the senior citizens are vaccinated in Karnataka. That said, senior citizens continue to be at a higher risk of infection with their positivity rate having gone up to 10% and above, in the age group of 60 plus years in Bengaluru Urban district, as per the state government's war room data of the past nine days, from January 1 to 9.

According to the data, Bengaluru Urban district conducted 5,58,751 tests during this period; most of the positive cases were in the age group of 60 years and above.

Highest was reported in the 70-79 years age group at 11.22% positivity rate, followed by 11% in the 60-69 years age group. The 80 years and above group reported 10.66% positivity rate.

Since the 60 plus years age group was more vulnerable to covid-19 infection, the government had considered them as a priority group and started vaccinating them last year alongside the healthcare and frontline staff.

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"Post the second dose, there is a possibility where there may be weaning of the antibodies after 3 to 6 months. However, there is no objective evidence for this.

— Dr Anoop Amarnath, Critical Care Support Team (CCST)

Immunity booster

6 lakh healthcare staff, 7 lakh frontline workers, 8 lakh senior citizens eligible for precautionary third dose

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Bengalureans aged 60 years and above, healthcare workers and frontline staff who received the second dose of the coronavirus vaccine nine months ago are eligible for a third or 'precautionary dose' starting Monday.

According to state government estimates, six lakh healthcare workers, seven lakh frontline workers and eight lakh persons aged above 60 years with co-morbidities are eligible for the booster shot from January 10 as they have received their second dose nine months or 39 weeks ago.

Those whose third dose is due in the coming days would receive an SMS from the CoWIN system.

While the beneficiaries can now book an appointment online, they also have the option of getting registered on site through the 'walk-in' mode. The beneficiaries, however, wouldn't have to open a fresh account as their existing CoWIN account would be used for booking appointments, and also for receiving a digital vaccination certificate. Beneficiaries will receive the third dose of the same vaccine that was administered for the previous two doses.

Private hospitals that function as covid-19 vaccination centres can vaccinate their staff — doctors, paramedics, etc — at the hospital itself. They may choose to bear the cost of the vaccine doses and provide the precaution dose to their staff who are eligi-

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Learn to meditate

Meditation is the delicate Art of doing Nothing and letting go of all the efforts to relax into your true nature, which is love, joy and peace. Learn this art from -Parul Khurana, Wellness & Personal Development Coach, International Faculty with The Art of Living.

When: January 12; 8 PM; Where: Online; Book a spot on insider.in; Free

02 Watch a play

The pandemic hit us hard like a hurricane and turned everything upside down. The Kannada play titled 'Lockdown' touches upon this very aspect of paused relations and relationships which suddenly needed to change overnight. This 50-60 minutes play is set in urban, rural and international ecosystems, social stratas that come with their own set of challenges.

When: January 13; 7.30 PM; Where: Ranga Shankara; Ticket price: Rs 200

03 Dance slick

Shuffle Dance or "Cutting Shapes" as it is sometimes called is characterised by quick and slick footwork, danced to the latest EDM music. It's a fun and upbeat dance that has many mental and physical health benefits. You can learn this form of dance from Khushboo Shahzade Khan, a versatile dancer and an intuitive teacher. She has a diploma in Dance from the ISPTD.

When: Every Friday; 7.30-8.30 pm; Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar; Rs 450 onwards

How can the unclaimed RIP?

NGOs, police struggle to get cemeteries to accept burial of unclaimed bodies

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Many congregations refuse to participate in the burial process of unclaimed bodies

Members of NGOs and the city police who handle the last rites of unclaimed bodies found in the city are finding it difficult to go ahead with the final rites if the body is identified to be that of a Christian. The NGO workers say crematoria/ burial grounds accept unclaimed bodies of Hindus, Muslims, or other religions, but when it comes to Christian cemeteries, a deceased can be buried there only if they were a member of the church, enrolled in any of the churches' lists.

There was once such hiccup when the body of a man who appeared to be in his early forties was found on Someshwaranagar in Siddapura ward on December 27 by a few shopkeepers. After they informed the Health, Educational and Charitable Trust, a local NGO, founder and director of the NGO, Syed Riyaz visited the spot and informed the matter to the police who registered a case. Legal formalities like mahajar and post-mortem were carried out promptly after which the body was shifted and stored at a morgue of the Kempegowda Institute of Medical Science (KIMS) Hospital until January 3 for anyone to claim the body.

Publicity on Whatsapp groups within police circles and NGO circles in the Siddapura area was done about the death in an attempt to trace any of his family members, relatives or friends. When Riyaz inquired with the shopkeepers about the deceased, they told him that he called himself a brother and belonged to the Christian community but they didn't know which church he frequented.

On January 4, the police made a report and informed the NGO that they could take the body for the final rites as no one had come to claim the body still. "It was at this time, we had problems finding a Christian cemetery which admitted the burial of this man," Riyaz told Bangalore Mirror. Riyaz was told by cemetery in-charges at various churches that the deceased can be buried there only if they knew which church he belong to. "They just said we have not come across something like this earlier, so we don't know how to go about it," Riyaz said quoting the response from the Christian congregations. "This process delayed the final rites by almost two days and the pressure started mounting from the hospital side that the NGO has to take the body away from the morgue," Riyaz said.

> **"We had problems finding a Christian cemetery which admitted the burial of this man**
> – Syed Riyaz, NGO founder

With great difficulty, Riyaz along with a police officer from Siddapura station and with the help of other NGOs like Bahujan Mahasabha, contacted an independent Christian priest who offered to help with the last respects and burial at a cemetery. An activist from Bahujan Mahasaba, Arun Prasad said the major Christian congregations will have to come up with an SOP for such unclaimed bodies if found with inquiries that they belong to the Christian community. President of Christian Seva Sangh (CSS) in Bengaluru, Shaji T Varghese told Bangalore Mirror, "Churches should performing the last respects of unclaimed or underprivileged deceased persons, but they choose not to do it for reasons best known to them."

3-month wait recommended for booster shot

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need be. Teens in the 15-18 years age group started receiving the first dose of the vaccine on January 3. With the target of 31.75 lakh beneficiaries, the state has vaccinated 15.5 lakh (49%) beneficiaries with the first dose so far. Beneficiaries who received two doses of Covaxin and Covishield are eligible for the booster dose. However, those who have received Sputnik, are not eligible for a precautionary jab now.

How to register

New registration is not required for the precautionary dose. Slots will be visible to eligible beneficiary groups after completion of nine months (39 weeks) after the date of the second jab. Beneficiaries will be able to book online appointments from January 1, 2022, based on the schedules populated by the district administrations and site managers. On-site/walk-in appointments will also be possible from January 10, 2022, when vaccination starts.

'Wait for 3 months'

Healthcare staff, frontline workers and senior citizens who recently tested positive for covid-19 are advised to wait for at least three months before they consider taking the booster shot, experts have said. According to medicinal practitioners, once a person has recovered from covid-19, the ideal time for a booster shot would be after six weeks to three months. "There is not enough information available at the moment on how long the natural immunity lasts, so it's always advisable to get a booster, even if one has had the infection and has received two shots," an expert said.

The Centre had made clear in its policy last year that citizens who test positive must wait for 90 days before they go on to take the next vaccine shot.

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There was no hustle bustle anywhere on Day 2 of the weekend curfew

9,020 cases in Bengaluru

Covid cases breached the 9,000-mark in Bengaluru with 9,020 fresh cases in a single day. This is the highest cases reported in a single day since May 21, 2021. The positivity rate in the city continued to stay around 10 per cent, while 12,000 fresh cases were reported in Karnataka. "The Test positivity rate in Bengaluru stays around 10 per cent as cases increase to 9,020 today. An increase of 27 per cent over yesterday's tally of 7,113. The Capital accounts for 75 per cent of State's total cases," health minister Dr K Sudhakar wrote on Twitter. The active cases in Karnataka zoomed to 49,602 active cases out of which 40,000 are in Bengaluru alone. The number of fatalities has been low as four persons died of Covid, including two in Bengaluru.

As water to the thirsty

Plan on to fill up 22 dried up lakes with a lift irrigation project at an estimated cost of Rs 55 crore

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Many water bodies in the east taluk regions, which include 22 lakes, that were in a deplorable state are set to get a lease of life. On the cards is a project to fill up of these tanks, through a lift irrigation project at a cost of Rs 55 crore.

The project will be taken up by the minor irrigation department (MID) as all the 22 lakes under this project fall under the MID. In 2019, the MID had given a proposal to the state government for the lift irrigation project to be carried out at an estimated cost of Rs 55 crore, but the approval came only at the end of 2021 year. MID officials said the government has agreed to generate the funds.

An official from the MID said, "There are over 22 lakes where the lift irrigation project will be carried out. The project just got approved last week. All the lakes will be filled up with water. Many of the lakes have dried and are not in a good condition. From KR Puram waste water recycle unit, which has over 5.50 cusecs of water, the water will be treated and released into these lakes. Once the funds are released, tenders will be called for and after the allotment of tenders, works will begin," said the official.

BM's report on Dec 23

The 22 lakes that are said to come under this project are, Kithaganur, Biyapanahalli, Bidarahalli, Bommenahalli, Bendiganahalli, Nimbekayipura, Cheemasandra, Konadaspura, Kant Nalluru, Chikkabanahalli, Gunduru

Doddagubbi, Yarapanahalli, Chikka Gubbi, Kannoro, Mandooru, Jyothipura Adda, Jyothipura, Chinnagannahallu, Kannamangala, Selankunte and Handrahalli.

It is said that the project will use two water pumps of 450 HP and vertical turbine pumpset set that would be implemented across 38,027 km.

The locals pointed out that the lakes were running dry as there was no freshwater inflow and there were encroachments on the storm water drains. People also said many of these lakes have become dumping yards and the lakes were not taken care of. With no ground water, the lakes had dried up as well. However, with the lift irrigation project, the ground water is said to be increased.

A KR Puram resident said, "For many years, the Kithaganur lake has become a dumping yard. We have complained ample number of times to the department, at times the complaint is looked at but a majority of the times it is left unattended. Apart from the water, we also need to carry out rejuvenation, which includes fencing, creating walkways for the public and even plantations across these lakes, to create an enriched biodiveristy."

Another resident said the project will benefit many lakes. "Once the treated water comes in, the lake would look fresh and clean. As half of the lakes have dried up, nobody wants to visit the lake premises," she said.

"Since many years, the Kithagnur lake has become a dumping yard. We have complained ample number of times to the department, but it is not attended to

–A KR Puram resident

Trash is dumped on the nearly dried out Kithaganur lake in KR Puram, much to the dismay of citizens who cherish this waterbody

Man's in-laws turned violent for his fight with wife

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After tiff with wife, sales executive claims his brother-in-law and friends roughed him up and his father-in-law threatened him

A 32-year-old man was beaten up by his brother-in-law and friends near Kundalahalli Gate Bridge after he fought with his wife and she returned to her parents' house.

Mohan (name changed), a resident of Mathikere, and a sales executive has filed a complaint with the HAL police on Friday against his brother-in-law and friends, and his father-in-law for assaulting and threatening to kill him. He told the police that he had recently fought with his wife and in anger, she had left him and returned to her parents' house in KR Puram.

"Around 2:30 pm on Thursday, I had stepped out for work near Kundalahalli gate when a man pulled me by my shirt from behind saying that he was looking for me since many days. He pulled me and began yelling at me that I had cheated his sister. He said he won't leave me. He called his brother and other friends who rushed to the place immediately," said Mohan. The men then are said to have attacked Mohan with their bare hands. "They hit me on my face and kicked me. I told them that I was working and we would talk about this later but they dragged me and picked up a pipe on the roadside and started to attack me with it on my head and my legs. They then forced me to sit with them on a two-wheeler and took me to their house in KR Puram to meet my father-in-law," he said.

According to Mohan, his father-in-law abused him and threatened to kill him. "My brother who learnt about the incident called the police so they left me and fled."

He told the police that his in-laws and friends threatened to kill him for fighting with his wife.

Police said that the complainant has sustained minor injuries and they are questioning the accused. HAL Police have registered a case.

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

COVID RULES ARE NOT MASS HYPNOSIS

THE CLAIM

A theory taking root online suggests millions of people have been "hypnotised" into believing mainstream ideas about covid-19, including steps to combat it such as testing and vaccination.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

According to AP, widely shared social media post are dismissing the efforts to combat the disease with three words: "mass formation psychosis." The term gained attention after it was floated by one Dr. Robert Malone in a podcast. But psychology experts say the concept described by Malone is not supported by evidence, and is similar to theories that are discredited. Richard McNally, a professor of clinical psychology at Harvard University, told AP that people who support vaccines and public health guidance are not delusional. Rather, they are "fully responsive to evidence from scientific experts." —AP

BUST FAKE NEWS WITH MIRROR

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TOPCOMMENTS

Meter is running

On our story Unfare practices, Mahendra Rao writes this is the usual practice. Despite of lockdown autos are not ready to ply to the destination of the passengers. I had a recent experience on Wednesday, from Majestic bus terminus to Cunningham Road, autos were demanding Rs 150 Rs whereas the actual meter comes to Rs 70. What's the use of the meter?

PMREPORT

In which we diagnose our own malaise

In the article "Sin City" published in Bangalore Mirror on January 9, 2021, we had mentioned that 2009 cases (crimes against women) were reported and 1,879 cases were detected in 2021 in comparison to 1,821 reported cases and 1,879 detected cases in 2020 and not 2019 as it was erroneously mentioned in the article. In 2019, 2,333 cases were reported and 2,286 were detected. The error is regretted.

WEBHITS

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- Empty roads & silent markets
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Mind the gap, Bilekahalli

BBMP removes footpath slabs to clean drain, forgets to fix the path, leaving residents to take a leap of faith each time they have to step out of homes

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For residents of Bilekahalli, it is a struggle even to enter their own homes as the BBMP removed all the footpath slabs in front of the house gates to clean the drain and then forgot to put them back. It's been two months and the pathway has not been restored. Officials say they were waiting for funds to lay new footpaths and new concrete roads.

The elderly and children are not able to step out of their houses as even some temporary arrangment such as laying of slabs has not been done. Mukunda S, 67, a retired employee and a resident of Bilekahalli said that there are about 152 flats in their apartment complex and around 10 other houses in the stretch who are badly affected due to this.

He said, "Our apartment complex has two gates and currently only the exit gate is open as they have put a few slabs for us to walk but, we are struggling to get our vehicles out. They had removed it to clean the drain but after cleaning they left it open. Despite complaining several times, they still have not fixed the roads yet."

He said over 200 families are affected due to this and as this main road connects to other roads. "Everyday, there are traffic jams and motorists keep honking. There is a school next to our apartment complex and during offline classes, the school children were also affected by mosquitoes due to open drain and after school children would walk on the road as there is no footpath," he said.

What remains of the footpath outside many homes is this yawning gap, where the authorities have not bothered to even make a temporary arrangement putting kids and elderly at much risk

Yashaswini MG, a fashion designer and a resident of the area, said that all the residents are facing the same issue and are not able to take their vehicles out as before. "At some of the houses, people are having to jump over the drain and some slabs are shaky. I had complained about the issue to the MLA Satish Reddy when the BBMP officials visited the spot and took photos of one part where they fixed it, saying they have completed the work without fixing it entirely," she said. When they questioned the officials, Yashaswini said, they were told that the slabs had gone missing and they needed funds to get new ones and fix them. "They have left it unattended to for over two months and don't respond to us properly," she said.

Abrar Hazarika, a resident of Pariwar Presidency apartment and a software engineer, said that the footpath slabs were removed two months ago to clean the drain. "It's very difficult for us to step out of our houses. They have put a small slab in front of houses nit people need to walk carefully to step out. With no footpaths, people are forced to walk on the road which is causing traffic jams in the surrounding areas. During rains, water gets stagnant, which attracts mosquitoes and chances of us falling ill is high. Due to the the open drain, our security guards who stand near the gate are getting affected by it," he said.

Anjanappa, BBMP AEE, said that funds have been approved and the work will begin soon. "We will clean the drains again and lay footpaths, new concrete roads in the Phase one and Phase two project. Now with covid cases on the rise, the work is getting a little delayed but we will fix it soon," he said.

TPR of elderly highest of all age groups

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Most individuals in the population belonging to the aforementioned elderly category were vaccinated with both the doses. However, healthcare experts pointed out that though vaccinations do not prevent one from getting reinfected, there is a possibility of the individuals concerned being weaned of the antibodies, three to six months after the second jab, which again puts the elderly at risk. Hence, at the moment, getting a booster dose is highly critical. Dr Anoop Amarnath, head, scientific board and chairman of geriatric medicine, Manipal Hospital, and member of the state's covid-19 Critical Care Support Team (CCST) said: "Vaccinations does not prevent one from getting infection but the purpose of getting vaccinated is to prevent one from severity of infection and mortality. Post the second dose, there is a possibility where there may be weaning of the antibodies after 3-6 months. However, there is no objective evidence for this. So far, we have checked the Igg antibody; it is only a marker of one type of immunity. Whereas, we also have T cell mediated immunity and local respiratory system immunity — these two, at present, cannot be objectively assessed. The T cell immunity will always be there. Apart from this, this age group is more susceptible to the infection."

Besides Bengaluru Urban, another district which has seen a similar pattern of high positivity rate amongst the adults is Bengaluru Rural with 27,786 tests conducted during the same period (Jan 1-9). The district has reported high positivity rate in 80 plus age group individuals at 6.32%, followed by 4.36% for 60-69 years age group and 2.85% positivity in 70-79 age group.

Similarly, Dakshin Kannada district, with 83,260 tests, has seen 6.63% positivity in the 80 years plus age group , 4.54% in the 70-79 years age group and 2.79% positivity for covid-19 in individuals of 60-69 years of age.

Dr Amarnath also pointed out the fact that household transmission is another core area where the infection would spread at a high rate amongst adults: "Senior citizens are largely confined at home; they contract the infection from other family members who keep going out and coming back home. So, household transmission puts them at a greater risk."

Dr Vishal Rao, member of the genomic surveillance committee and chief of head and neck surgical oncology and robotic surgery at HCG Cancer Centre, spoke on the importance of this age group receiving the booster dose. "Most of the data shows antibodies going down after the second dose; hence the third dose is very much needed for the vulnerable age group. We need to even check upon the socially and economically active 18-60 years age group; these individuals can be infected anytime. Many are now getting self test kits and RAT test kits performing tests themselves and not reporting it. We will miss out on a lot of these cases, as some positive ones will follow guidelines by home isolation or hospital admission as others move around and spread the infection," he said.

Dr Rao further stressed upon the need to ramp up hospital infrastructure. "Omicron variant of covid-19 spreads doubly faster than Delta; we will see many hospitalisations and we need to keep the infrastructure ready. Though other countries have seen only 4% of hospital admissions, it does spread relatively faster — we need to be prepared," said Dr Rao.

Amongst the 30 districts, so far, with 11,98,175 tests conducted and 45,004 cases positive during this period, the overall high test positivity rate lies in the 80 plus age group at 6.67%, followed by the 70-79 age group at 6.15% and 5.75% positivity rate amongst the 60-69 years of age category.

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Always at work
Thanisandra

Some work was going on at the Shanimatha temple in Thanisandra Circle area. The work is not being completed and has been dragging on for months, causing everyone inconvenience.

Don't park garbage
Dasarahalli

An open garbage truck has been stationed at the corner of Dasarahalli Road, near Brigade Triumph building for over a month now and the residents have to bear not only the stench but have to avoid use of the footpath that is always full of garbage. BBMP doesn't seem to be in a hurry to remove this truck.

High time
Nandini Layout

Only Olympian high-jumpers can climb these 1-1/2 foot high steps at the Reading Room in Jaimaruti Nagara Circle, Nandini Layout. This can only be termed a design disaster where the user's ease has been not given due consideration.

Wild animals killed, publicly auctioned

Police step in after incident of ritualistic killing of animals to spread awareness on poaching

A huge crowd gathered at the auctioning of the killed animals, that were brought in a procession to the venue

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Hunting is banned in the city, but we keep hearing that it illegally happens in remote places or deep inside forests. However, despite a ban on poaching of wild animals, a shocking and blatant incident of poaching happened on the outskirts of the city recently.

In Yantaganahalli, Nelamangala forest jurisdiction. many forest animals were poached and sold. Miscreants killed rabbits, storks, jungle fowls, and 15 other animals as a part of their ritual Kolubete and auctioned the dead animals publicly. Poaching is a punishable act under the Wild Life(Protection) Act, 1972. But there is a tradition of poaching `Kolubete' that is practised in villages around the forests. As part of the ritual, the villagers of Yantaganahalli, conduct the worship of Byatarayaswamy, which is celebrated by killing animals.

The villagers also celebrated the killing of the animals by beating hand drums and dancing. They also brought the animals in a procession.

DCF of Bangalore Rural Division, Malathipriya said, "Poaching of wild animals is banned. When we heard about the poaching in Yantaganahalli village, we rushed to the spot and arrested the accused. We have also created awareness about the poaching in the village."

> **It is an annual event in Doddaballapur, Nelamangala forests. It is now limited to a ritual. But, this time they actually poached the animals**
>
> –Lakkar Naik, RFO Nelamangala

RFO Nelamangala Lakkar Naik said they had heard about the poaching of forest animals on the 6th night as a part of Kolubete in Yantaganahalli. "It is a seasonal event held in Doddaballapur, Nelamangala forests every year. The event is now limited to just a ritual. But, this time they actually poached the animals and celebrated. We registered a complaint immediately after the incident. The next day, we arrested two accused — Umesh, who is also a member of Gram Panchayat, and Hanumantaiah who participated in the poaching. We have produced the accused to the court and are investigating," he said.

Other than the poaching, the celebration also ignored the covid-19 restrictions, as a large crowd gathered at the auction, without following covid-appropriate behaviour like wearing masks and social distancing.

What is coming up soon?

Bengaluru will get yet another shopping space as we caught work going on to build the IKEA store. Work is going on in full swing at the facility coming up behind the Nagasandra Metro station.

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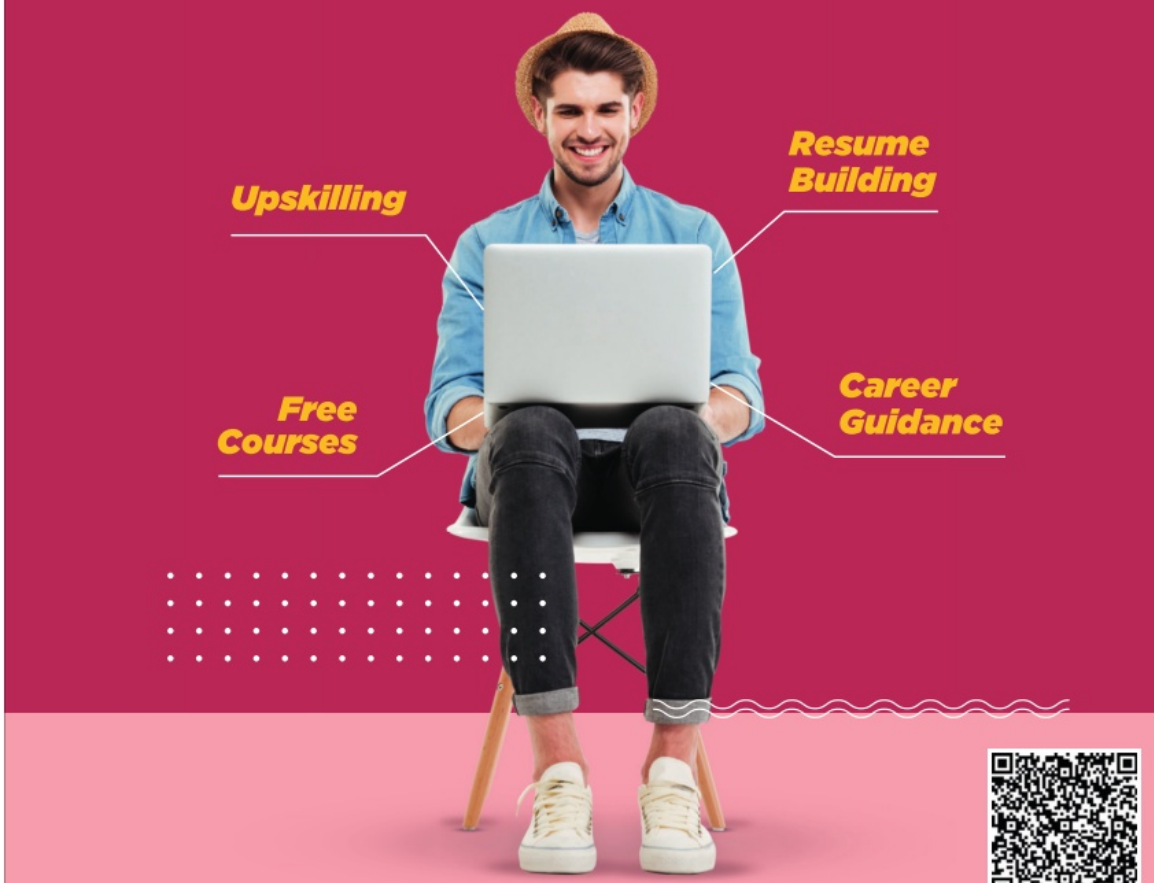

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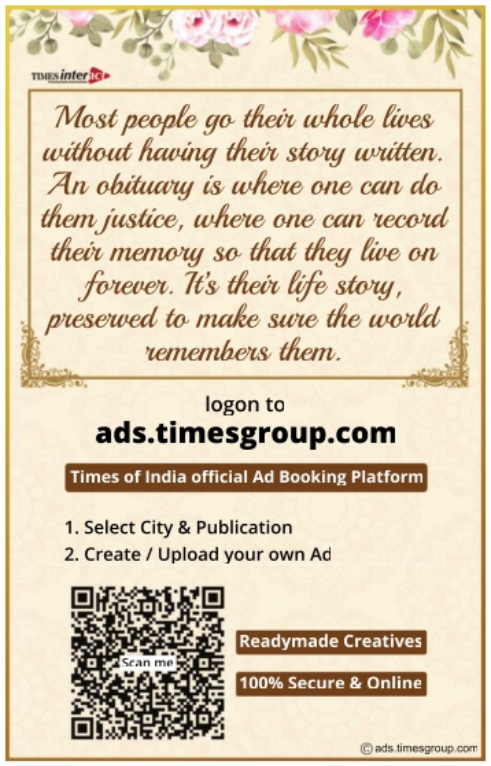
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I, Manishaben Bhaveshbhai Patel alias Patel Manishaben Bhaveshbhai, W/o Bhavesh Dhirajlal Patel, R/o E-802, Platinum City, Hmt Main Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560022, have changed my name as MANISHA BHAVESH PATEL, vide affidavit dated 07.01.2022 sworn before notary B. S. Padmaprasad, Bengaluru.

WE Bhavesh Dhirajlal Patel & Manisha Bhavesh Patel, R/o E-802, Platinum City, Hmt Main Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560022, have changed our son's name from DHYAN BHAVESHBHAI PATEL to DHYAN BHAVESH PATEL vide affidavit dated 07.01.2022 sworn before notary B. S. Padmaprasad, Bengaluru.

I, SUTOPA SAHA, D/o Subrata Kumar Saha, R/o Flat #A702, Brigade Meadows Plumeria, 122, Sallu Hunase Village, Kanakapura Road, Udayapura Post, Bengaluru 560082, have changed my name as SUTAPA SAHA, vide affidavit dated 06.01.2022 sworn before notary D.S. Chengappa, Bengaluru.

I, Patel Bhaveshbhai Dhirajbhai alias Bhaveshbhai Dhirubhai Patel, R/o E-802, Platinum City, Hmt Main Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560022, have changed my name as BHAVESH DHIRAJLAL PATEL, vide affidavit dated 07.01.2022 sworn before notary B. S. Padmaprasad, Bengaluru.

I, Jitarth Bhaveshbhai Patel, S/o Bhavesh Dhirajlal Patel, R/o E-802, Platinum City, Hmt Main Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560022, have changed my name as JITARTH BHAVESH PATEL, vide affidavit dated 07.01.2022 sworn before notary B. S. Padmaprasad, Bengaluru

I, Shaeesta Khaleel Ahmed Bhavikatti (mother) R/o A-3, No.501, Provident Harmony Apartment, Chokkanahalli main road, R.K Hegde Nagar, Bengaluru 560064 have changed my 9 yrs old minor son name ARHAAN to UWAIS AHMED affidavit Dt.08/01/2022 Notary Harisha.G B'luru

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Pinksplosion

Pink Tabebuia in full bloom at MG Road and at SBI Circle on St Marks Road. Tabebuia normally flowers in November and the blossoms last till mid-December. This year, though, the flowers have made a comeback in January.

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Bengaluru FC to clash with Mumbai FC

Bengaluru FC clash with holders Mumbai City FC at the Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, on Monday and will try to gain the maximum points to stay in contention for a play-off spot.

BFC have an advantage as their opponents have lost the last four games in a row. Bengaluru FC were held to a 1-1 draw by SC East Bengal despite dominating the proceedings almost all through the 90 minutes of play.

But BFC coach Marco Pezzaiuoli, felt that Mumbai FC could be dangerous opponents. "It doesn't matter if we play Mumbai today, two weeks from now, or a month from now. While it's true that recent results haven't gone their way, they've been playing good football and it will be a tough game that will need us to be at our best. Our aim is to focus on ourselves and the way we play," the Italian said.

Mumbai FC, coached by Des Buckingham, currently occupy the top spot despite the losses on the league table but could be pushed to the second spot if Hyderabad FC defeat Kerala Blasters on Sunday. BFC are in ninth spot.

Pezzaiuoli has shuffled things up in attack, but maintained that his team selection focuses on the players who have done well in training. "We have Prince, Cleiton, Udanta, Ashique, Sunil and Roshan, and while it's important to give chances to players, it's also important to give confidence to those who are performing well in training and in matches. We have a lot of high quality attacking players, but my aim is to find the right balance between offence and defence," Pezzaiuoli added.

BFC will be without Leon Augustine and Yrondu Musavu-King due to injuries. The coach confirmed that Jayesh Rane and Ajay Chhetri are also on the injured list. Mumbai, meanwhile, will be without influential midfielder Morocco's Ahmed Jahouh who will serve a one-match suspension. —BMB

Govt mulls legal move as padayatra goes on

Congress kicks off rally from Mekedatu Sangama; Ramanagar administration told to take action for violation of covid norms

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Despite opposition from the Government, the Congress launched its ambitious 10-day 'padayatra' on Sunday near Mekedatu sangama in Ramnagar district amid the curfew orders in Karnataka.

Thousands of Congress workers gathered at the spot to participate in the padayatra inauguration ceremony. The protest rally has been organised demanding the speedy implementation of the Mekedatu project by the ruling BJP government in the state. The Congress claims that the implementation of the project would help to solve the drinking water woes of Bengaluru city and surrounding areas.

Neighbouring Tamil Nadu is opposing the project. The ruling BJP is maintaining that the matter is before the Supreme Court and they are committed to implement the project. The rally was attended by film artistes, religious leaders and senior leaders and legislators of the Congress. The padayatra will reach Bengaluru after five days. Congress has planned to conduct protest rallies in all the Assembly segments of Bengaluru for another five days before congregating at Basavanagudi National College Grounds.

> **"They do not care about Mekedatu water. If they cared about it, they could have done something in their term of five years**
>
> – Araga Jnanendra, Home Minister

KPCC President D K Shivakumar during the inauguration of the 10 day 'padaytra' in Ramnagar district on Sunday

'Tired' Siddaramaiah quits padayatra, for now

The leader of opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah who inaugurated the padayatra by beating the drums had to quit the padayatra in between as he was unwell. After walking for a few kilometres, Siddaramaiah felt tired and took rest in a car. Later, Siddaramaiah is said to have felt feverish. On the advice of doctors, the leader returned to Bengaluru, sources said. "He is likely to join the padayatra tomorrow," they said.

Reacting to this, CM Bommai held a meeting with his senior cabinet colleagues to decide what action must be taken. Many cabinet ministers warned against the arrest of the Congress leaders saying the opposition party may take this to its advantage.

The Government has directed the Ramanagar District administration to take action legally for violating covid norms. Bommai accused the party of playing politics on the Mekedatu issue, instead of behaving like a responsible opposition. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said the Congress does not care about the Mekedatu water but is taking out a padyatra keeping in mind the elections.

IN BRIEF

Indigo cancels some flights

IndiGo airlines has waived the change fees and is offering free changes for all new and existing bookings made up to January 31, for flights up to March 31, 2022. With reduced demand, Indigo Airlines has also selectively withdrawn some flights from service. According to an ET report, Indigo anticipates around 20 pc of current scheduled operations to be withdrawn from service. Owing to the surge in Omicron cases, many customers are changing their travel plans.

Cancellations of flights to be done at least 72 hours in advance and customers to be moved to the next available flight. Passengers will also be able to change their travel through the use of Plan B on the Airline website.

PM chairs meet to review covid situation

Several states imposed fresh restrictions to check the COVID-19 surge and Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed the situation at a high-level meeting on Sunday as cases continued to rise with 1,59,632 new infections reported, the highest in 224 days. The prime minister called for ensuring adequate health infrastructure in districts, boosting vaccine drive for adolescents in mission mode and continuing the public campaign focused on covid-appropriate behaviour as they were critical in the battle against the pandemic.

From Monday, the country would start administering precaution dose of covid vaccine to healthcare workers, frontline workers including personnel deployed for election duty and those aged 60 and above with comorbidities. Modi said that a meeting with chief ministers will be convened to discuss state-specific scenarios.

Liquor stock: TN bags ₹210 cr

Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (Tasmac), the state government entity that sells liquor has netted Rs 210 crore from sale of liquor on Saturday on the eve of the lockdown of Sunday. Tasmac shops remain closed on Sunday due to the lockdown.

According to a statement from Tasmac Chennai, three adjoining districts of Kancheepuram, Chengalpattu and Tiruvallur accounted for 25 per cent of the total liquor sale on Saturday. Generally, the combined weekend sale of Tasmac liquor outlets on Saturday and Sunday touches Rs 300 crore on an average.

Battery recycling
Attero Recycling will invest ₹300 crore on ramping up its lithium-ion battery recycling capacity

Pieces of clothing being sold as non-fungible tokens can set you back by several thousands of rupees

THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR AN IMAGE OF 'DESIGNER CLOTHES'

JACK CLOVER

FASHION fans are forking out thousands on pounds... for clothes that only exist online. The digital togs can be used to dress cartoon versions of participants in virtual worlds.

A £9,000 golf outfit is just one of the items available online, and a matching Tam O'Shanter hat will set you back another £2,300.

For £9,000, you can also get a tracksuit covered in the Decentraland Games logo, which can be worn in Decentraland - one of the most developed virtual worlds on the internet.

Valuable Designer brands are also getting in on the mindboggling new trend, with Dolce & Gabbana, Nike and Adidas all producing clobber for the virtual world.

Each piece of clothing is sold as an NFT - or non-fungible token - which can be bought and sold in real-life like a painting or any other valuable item.

An industry source said: "Fashion in the real world might seem mad at times with some of the outfits that go for silly money, but this is a whole new realm.

"We are talking about people paying thousands for something that only exists as pixels on a screen. It is unbelievable."

So far, D&G has auctioned off nine digital designer pieces for an eyewatering total of £4.2million.

Dolce & Gabbana dropped an exclusive NFT collection with luxury NFT marketplace UNXD

NEW WORLD Facebook's Mark

The lots included The Glass Suit - a green and silver outfit which sold for £740,000, alongside a real-life version of the suit.

In March, the first virtual fashion week will be held - in the real world. And virtual sportswear is set to be big business too.

Nike has bought tech company RTFKT, recently valued at £25million, to help them create and sell virtual trainers.

And Adidas has teamed up with two companies to take their Originals range into cyberspace.

Tech consultant Grace Rachmany said: "Selling clothing in games is here to stay but I think the prices are out of proportion right now. "A lot of people have money in cryptocurrencies that they won't take out because they'll have to pay tax so to them, it's like play money."

The surge of interest in NFTs comes after Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced the future of his company lay in the "metaverse" - a virtual 3D world.

There, users can play games, shop, interact with friends and even hold business meetings wearing virtual reality goggles, if they wish.

Decentraland, which has its own cryptocurrency, recently made headlines when a plot of "real estate" sold for £1.7million.

But real-life criminals are cashing in too. Todd Kramer, of New York's Ross + Kramer Gallery, spent £1.6million on NFT cartoon apes from Bored Ape Yacht Club, only for them to be stolen by a hacker.

– Daily Mirror

A-Z on those digital NFTs

Non-fungible tokens, or NFTs, are one of the world's biggest internet crazes.

While some experts believe they are the future of the art and fashion world, others think investors will lose heavily, echoing the fate of those who splashed out during the dot-com boom 20 years ago.

An NFT is a unique unit of computer data stored in a piece of code called a blockchain. It can be associated with a digital asset such as a video, picture, quote or even an outfit. The fact each one has a unique signature means it is finite and can be bought and sold like real-life artwork or collectibles.

A blockchain allows cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin to exist as it records on a digital ledger proof that a token changed hands.

While each cryptocurrency token has the same value - like a £1 coin - NFTs all have different values. What they are worth is dependent on how much people are willing to spend, much like paintings or antiques.

The first known NFT was a digital graphic called Quantum, designed in 2014 by artist Kevin McCoy and his wife Jennifer. He sold the artwork to entrepreneur Anil Dash for just £2.95 but it is now thought to be worth more than £5million.

The niche technology became more mainstream last year following a string of high-profile sales. In March, artist Mike Winkelmann, known as Beeple, shook the art world by selling his work, Everydays: the First 5000 Days, for more than £50million.

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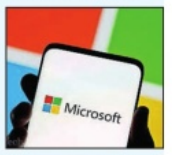
FEATURE TO DELETE MEETING RECORDINGS

Tech giant Microsoft has rolled out a new feature for Teams that can automatically delete recording files stored in OneDrive or SharePoint after a pre-set period of time.



Microsoft flagged the new feature in its December updates for the Teams collaboration platform, which included end-to-end encryption for calls and fixes for an issue between Teams and Android that caused some devices to freeze after making an emergency call, reports ZDNet. Admins can disable the auto-expiration feature which will be on by default. Once rolled out, all new recordings automatically expire 60 days after they are recorded if no action is taken. Microsoft expedited the feature's roll out "due to overwhelming customer requests," Microsoft said in a blogpost.

EU ON TECH FIRMS' CASE TO TACKLE CHILD ABUSE

The European Union plans to legislate in the coming months to require technology companies to do more to tackle child sexual abuse, beefing up current voluntary arrangements, a top official said in a newspaper interview.

EU Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson told Germany's Welt am Sonntag internet service providers and social media firms had reported 22 million offences related to child sexual abuse in 2020, up from 17 million in 2019. But she said that was only a fraction of the real number. "I will propose legislation in the coming months that will require companies to detect, report, and remove child sexual abuse," Johansson said. "A voluntary report will no longer be sufficient." Under current EU rules, social media networks and services have a choice whether or not to follow up on offences.

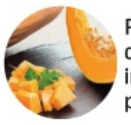
MACHINES NOW IDENTIFY 12 TYPES OF PLASTICS

A team of researchers from the Department of Biological and Chemical Engineering at Aarhus University has now developed a new camera technology that can see the difference between 12 different types of plastics.

The study has been published in the 'Vibrational Spectroscopy Journal'.

The technology makes it possible to separate plastics based on a purer chemical composition than is possible today, and this opens up completely new opportunities to recycle plastics. The technology has been tested at a pilot scale. "With this, we can now see the difference between all types of consumer plastics and several high-performance plastics. We can even see the difference between plastics that consist of the same chemical building blocks, but which are structured slightly differently," said Associate Professor Mogens Hinge.

HEALTH TIP: Oats are a good sources of beta-glucan, a soluble fibre shown to help lower blood cholesterol levels



Pumpkin is rich in beta-carotene that is also a carotenoid (plant pigment). It gets converted into vitamin A in the body and is used in the production of antibodies that fight infection

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 21-year-old woman. I like to insert bananas in my vagina when I masturbate. Is it safe? Can you suggest other object which can double-up as a sex toy?
It is safe if it has been cleaned and has a smooth surface.
You have an inventive mind, so think for yourself. Maybe other vegetables and fruits can help.

2 I am 24 years old and getting married after two months. I am excited about my sex life. I recently watched porn and enjoyed it. Can I drink vagina? Is it harmful? Can I use aloe vera as lubrication during intercourse?
The vagina is not a cocktail. In marriage, you don't indulge in sex as 'I' but as 'we'. Take the consent of your partner before using aloe vera.

3 I am 33 years old and my wife is 24. She weighs 85 kilos. Whenever we have intercourse, she gets excited and climbs on top of me. She stays on top till I ejaculate. I am lean and thin. Her actions hurt me but she doesn't understand and wants to have sex every day. My groin region is aching. Help.
First of all, either you put on weight or ask her to reduce some. The position she adopts is the woman-on-top where she stays in control. If you find it uncomfortable, discuss it her and find a mutually comfortable position. Most men would consider themselves lucky to get sex every day. For the pain, see your doctor.

4 I am 25 years old and about to get married. For the past one year I have been masturbating every day, and sometimes twice a day. Even if I see a fully clothed woman in a magazine, I want to masturbate. I feel my erection has become weak. Help. Grow up.
Use your will power to pinch yourself off masturbation. Better still, masturbate only when you are sexually excited.

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The next level? NO, please

An expert decodes what the word no means when it comes to setting boundaries in close relationships

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Let's address the first part of this question, which is "what does NO mean"? It means "refusal." It means that you have made a decision to set a boundary, to decline an offer, or that you do not want to engage. It means the opposite of "yes," which is the affirmative or the acceptance of an invitation. "No" is your response to an invitation that you are declining and is an offer that you are not agreeing to. Summer Watson, MHS, PhD and Jen Fontanilla, Certified Money Coach (CMC), expand on what 'No' means when It comes to intimacy.

The second part of this question deals with intimacy. What is intimacy? It is means you feel close to someone, that you trust your partner, it is the opportunity to create a physical and/or an emotional bond with someone. It is about open communication and understanding and it's about sharing your thoughts and feelings. It is also about a relationship that feeds your soul.

When you bring these two concepts together, it means that you are in a close relationship, a relationship you are thinking about growing, or in a situation where you are potentially thinking about having sex with someone. However, if you are not ready to take the relationship to the next step or you are in a long-term relationship, where you are feeling uncomfortable or that your boundaries are being pushed beyond what you feel is comfortable or what you agreed upon, it is time to take a deep introspective look at what is going on and say, "No."

Don't Hesitate To Say 'No'

"No" is an acceptable response. It is your life, your body, and your right. It does not require you to adhere to someone's request just because they ask or even ask nicely. It is important to set clear boundaries because it gives your partner a clear picture of what your limits are, what rules you set for yourself and for anyone you choose to be with. This gives the person you are a clear idea of your intentions and what you feel comfortable with and eliminates any guessing about your expectations and what you want or do not want.

We have been conditioned to accept offers just because it's the polite thing to do, especially when it comes to intimacy. Here's the thing, you are saying "Yes" to yourself when you say "No" to engaging in an intimate relationship or situation that you are not ready for. If you are not ready to take a relationship to the next step or when you are in a relationship and do not want to have sex, it is absolutely okay to say "no" and to set your boundaries.

We also need to remember that even if you are in what you both would consider being a committed relationship and you may have had sex already, there are going to be times when you still want to say "no." Understand that this is about trust and wanting to be intimate with one another, having respect for one another, and to be understanding when the other partner says "no."

Make It Clear In Your Conversations

Be clear and intentional about what your wants and needs are. Your partner or potential partner needs to know your rules. Have open communication with the person you are thinking about being intimate with or someone you have been in a long-term relationship with, where you want to continue to grow your physical and emotional intimacy. Intimacy is not just about sex, but it is about trust, open communication, honesty, and feeling safe in your relationship. Saying "No" is a great way to build intimacy and a stronger and more beautiful relationship. It is about making yourself the priority and where each partner is doing their part to create a deeper and more meaningful relationship.

MIRRORLIGHTS

Sustainable diets are good for climate and also for your brain, shows study

There should be more vegetables and less meat on the plate in front of us. A study from the Department of Public Health showed that a sustainable diet not only benefitted the climate but also your health.

The recent study by the Aarhus University was published in the 'Stroke Journal'.

"If adult men or women follow a sustainable diet and the Nordic recommendations for dietary fibre intake, then we see a lower risk of bleeding or blood clots in the brain," said Christina Dahm, who is behind the study.

This knowledge is important, as a previous study from the UK found that vegetarians had a higher risk of brain haemorrhages compared with

those who ate meat. These findings received a lot of publicity.

"A vegetarian diet is very similar to a sustainable diet, and since we need to eat more sustainably in the future, it was a rather worrying result. Our results show that it is safe to eat a sustainable diet," said Daniel Ibsen, who has also contributed to the study.

Pregnant women's thyroid hormone levels linked to boys' behavioural issues

A new study has found that abnormal thyroid hormone levels in pregnant women may predict preschool boys' emotional and behavioural problems. The research has been published in the 'Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism'.

Thyroid hormones are crucial for the normal development of a baby's brain and nervous system. During the first trimester -- the first three months of pregnancy -- a baby depends on its mother's supply of thyroid hormone, which comes through the placenta. Levels of maternal thyroid hormones, including thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) and free thyroxine (FT4), change dynamically during pregnancy, and both high and low maternal thyroid hormone levels can affect children's behavioural development.

"Our findings highlight the significance of close monitoring and management of maternal thyroid function during pregnancy," said Kun Huang, of the Anhui Medical University.

The researchers found boys born to mothers with high thyroid hormone levels were likely to be withdrawn, have behavioural problems, and be anxious or depressed. Moderate and low thyroid hormone levels were associated with aggressive behaviour in preschool boys.

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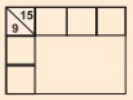
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

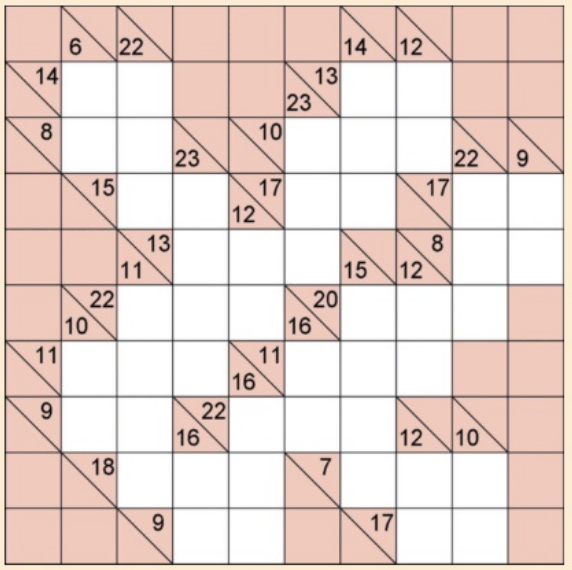
$$\frac{(0!+0!+0!+0!+0!+0!+0!)!}{(0!+0!+0!+0!+0!)!} + 0! = ?$$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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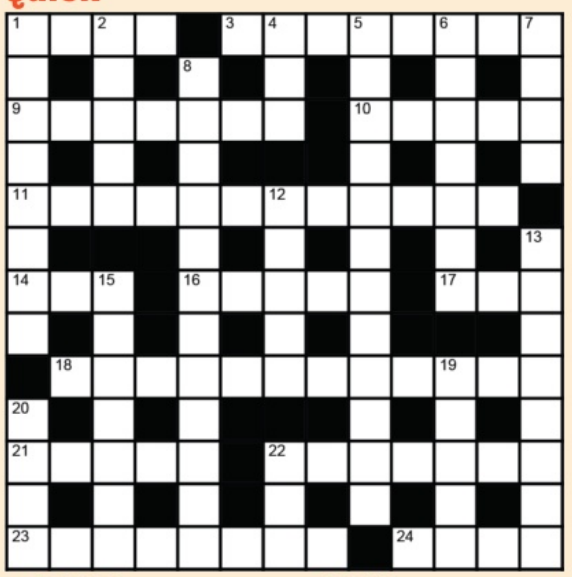


ACROSS

1 Small casks (4)
3 Cherish (8)
9 Dislikes or hates (7)
10 For the time ___ : temporarily? (5)
11 Total destruction (12)
14 Cancelled; absent (3)
16 Serious play (5)
17 Missing in action in short (3)
18 Not kept going (12)
21 ___ Hills: Scenic spot around 60 kms from Bangalore (5)
22 Downcast (7)
23 Hurried or expedited (8)
24 Common metal (4)

DOWN

1 Bullfighter (8)
2 Boatswain (5)
4 Root mean square, in short (3)
5 Mediations or settlements (12)
6 Consistent (7)
7 Cutting side of a blade (4)
8 Deteriorating (2,3,7)
12 Absorb knowledge (5)
13 Knitted jacket (8)
15 Pals or cronies (7)
19 A mammary gland ? (5)
20 Move slowly (4)
22 Shade, tint (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS T

FSJ LAJMFJWF NE EMCRFW, B WSNCRP WMQ, BW FN YJ INVWIBNCW NE VNVJ.

Linemaro

Your smile lights up your face

Mindchow

Life is too short to hold a grudge, also too long

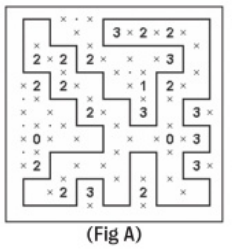
Joke of the day

Sister: What are you going to gift grandma on her birthday?
Brother: Football. Sister: But grandma doesn't play football! Brother: On my birthday, she gave me books

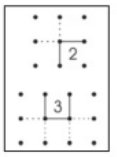
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



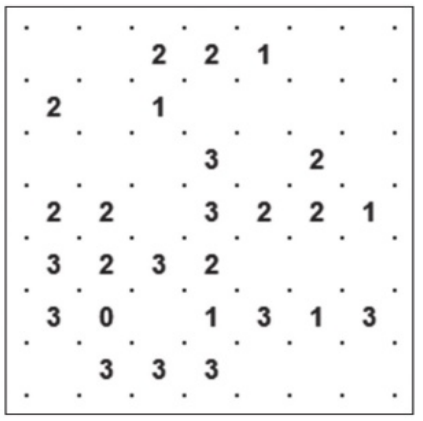
(Fig A)



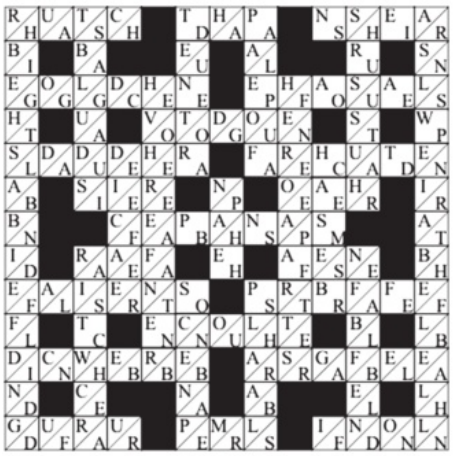
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



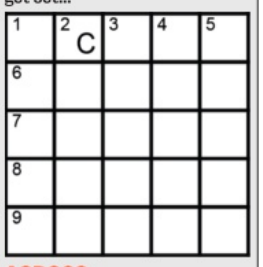
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

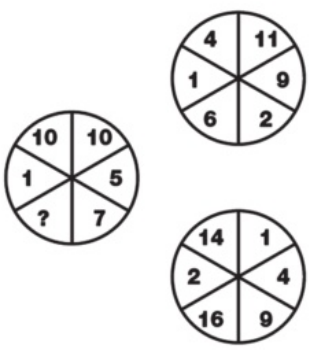
1 Scare; 6 PT Rec; 7 Hi top; 8 Canoe; 9 Girth

DOWN

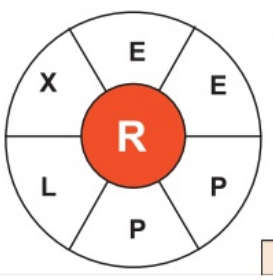
1 Croat; 2 I croc; 3 Ere GP; 4 Hap he; 5 Tints

Mensapuzzle

Which number completes the puzzle?



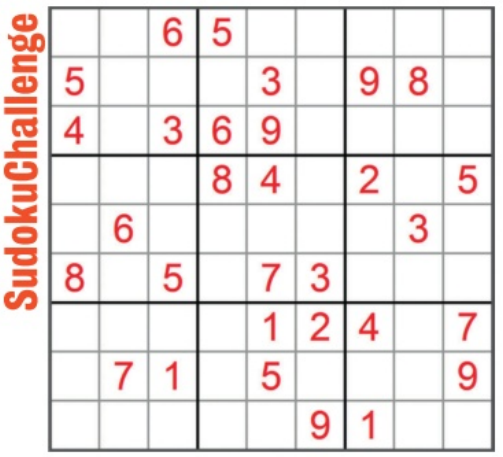
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8
2 2 4 7

Medium = 19
4 6 8 9

Hard = 39
2 6 7 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

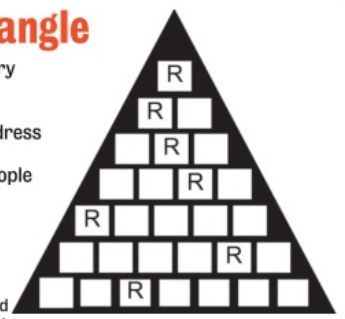
Differences: 1. Sleeve is rolled up. 2. House is wider. 3. Pocket is added to overalls. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Window is different. 6. Fence board is shorter.

Riddler

A spoonerism is a pair of words that can have their initial sounds switched to form new words. The pairs need only sound the same, not necessarily be spelled the same (power saw & sour paw, horse cart & coarse heart). There may sometimes be one or two connecting words (kick the stone & stick the cone, king of the rats & ring of the cats). Given the following definitions, what are the spoonerisms?
1) overweight dam builder & symptom of a sick flying mammal 2) bottom of the ocean & an insect-bitten dog has this

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 Again , prefix
3 Testiness
4 English lord's address
5 Stands
6 Some wealthy people
7 Suspect



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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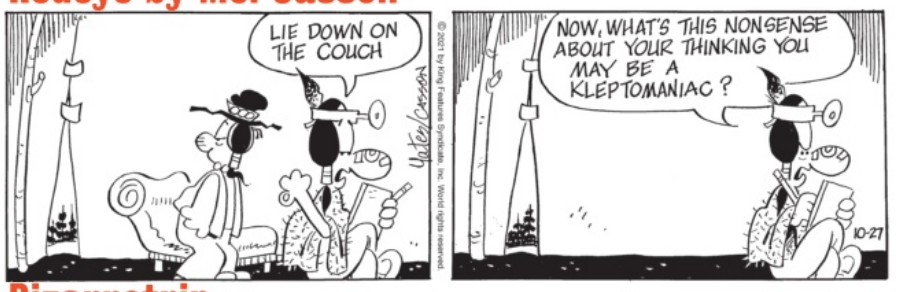


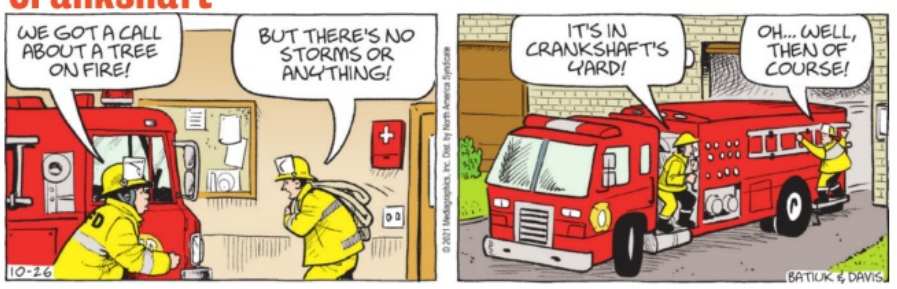
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

HEART, YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH ALL THE SMALL BITS YOU'RE PLAYING!
I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO REMIND YOU WHICH COSTUME TO WEAR NEXT!
I TAKE THE THEATER VERY SERIOUSLY, KAT.
EVEN AS TREE #6!

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel dull and may have some health-related issues. A chronic ailment may reappear. You are advised to avoid hurrying and fast driving. You are advised to avoid conflicts with a business partner, so do not take important decisions in terms of business today. You are advised to postpone investments in business or work. With the blessings from elders, by the late evening, things may be under control.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be blessed by your destiny and projects that were postponed may be started now. With the help of elders' blessings, a messy situation is now under control, which may speed your project up. Disputes with family members are likely to be resolved, which may increase domestic harmony. Your creativity may be improved and you may be attracted by glamour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is a good day and you may feel enthusiastic today. With good focus, you may perform well in business and work. Your boss may be supportive; you may get some new responsibilities in terms of a promotion. There may be a visit to a religious place. It is advised that you avoid being arrogant with your loved ones.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, so your destiny is with you. Projects that were postponed are likely to be started now. You may have elders' blessings, which may help you to come out of a messy situation. You may experience domestic harmony so you will be happy after resolving some disputes between family members. Your creativity may be improved now.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your moon is not in a good position so you may feel dull and may have health issues. You may face losses in this period. It is advised that you don't invest in risky assets. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses. You should stop investing in worthless objects. You should avoid getting involved in controversies, otherwise it may pull you down.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in your professional life too. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel confident, which may reflect in your way of working. You are in the winning position in terms of opponents and enemies. You may have a good focus on your goals. Health issues may be good. In domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments as it may affect your domestic harmony.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may be happy due to blessings from an auspicious planetary combination. You may have some sort of positive energy which may enhance your prestige among people around you. You may spend your time studying intellectual matters. You will also plan for higher studies.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid making investments in worthless assets. You may also notice that friends and people around you may not be supportive today. You are advised to not to expect more from anyone in terms of help, otherwise it may make you nervous. It is advised that you take independent decisions today

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may not be able to present yourself logically. You may have a dull feeling, which may make you feel a lack of confidence. You need to follow your intuition while making decisions in terms of investment. People around you may not be cooperative in terms of routine work. You are advised to be careful and avoid eating unhealthy food to avoid stomach issues.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are likely to be more excited due to cooperation from your family and friends. You may plan to renovate your house or may bring some souvenir items to maintain your standard, which may increase your social status. You may expect an increase in your fixed assets.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day in terms of gains. You may get results with less effort. Your losses may be converted into profits due to your wisdom. You may plan to upgrade yourself with academics. You may donate some amount to a religious place or charity. You may also help a needy person. Some investment into intellectual assets may be possible. Students also will do better.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$\frac{(1+1+1+1+1)!}{(1+1+1+1+1)!} + 1! = 7! / 5! + 1 = 7 \times 6 + 1 = 43$

BULL'S EYE
leer, leper, peer, reel, repel, rebel

FAST FIVE

A	C	R	E	S
C	R	E	P	T
T	O	P	H	I
O	C	E	A	N
R	I	G	H	T

RIDDLER
1) fat beaver & bat fever
2) sea floor & flea sore

QUOTE UNCODE
The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.

STRIKE OUT

G	U	R	U		E	M	S		I	D	O	L		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
10. Numbers in the segments of the left hand circle equal the difference between numbers in segments of the two right hand circles.

SUDOKU

3	4	2	7	6	9	1	5	8
6	7	1	4	5	8	3	2	9
9	5	8	3	1	2	4	6	7
8	2	5	1	7	3	6	9	4
7	6	4	9	2	5	8	3	1
1	3	9	8	4	6	2	7	5
4	8	3	6	9	7	5	1	2
5	1	7	2	3	4	9	8	6
2	9	6	5	8	1	7	4	3

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 × 7 − 4 − 2 = 8
Medium
6 + 8 − 4 + 9 = 19
Hard
7 + 2 × 5 − 6 = 39

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Re, Ire, Sire, Rises, Misers, Surmise.

LOOP

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It's a month already?
Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal tied the knot on December 9. Katrina took to Instagram on Sunday to share a special post as the couple celebrate 1 month of their marriage

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A bit of an introvert, a loner, but always a perfectionist

Sr. Roshan tells us why he's happy to let son take control

For once Rakesh Roshan is enjoying taking the backseat. For someone who always 'called the shots', he's happy to let son Hrithik Roshan take over the family reins.

As professionals, they belong to the elite club. The filmmaker's expertise and the actor's enthusiasm make it a win-win situation… film after film. Ahead of Hrithik Roshan's birthday, dad Rakesh Roshan shares rare glimpses about his superstar son… Excerpts:

● Did you notice the makings of a star in Hrithik while he was a child?
It's difficult to gauge what a child can become. But one thing was certain. Even as a six- year-old, Hrithik used to dance beautifully. Whatever else he engaged in, he'd give it his 100 per cent. That quality has been present since childhood. But he was a shy kid. He was around 10-11 when my father-in-law (the late J Om Prakash) cast him in 'Bhagwaan Dada' (1986). I told him, 'Why are you taking him? He won't speak a line in front of the camera.' But to my pleasant surprise, he was a different boy when the camera rolled. The moment J Om Prakashji would say, 'Start sound action!' Hrithik would become the character. He was amazing...

● Did you expect his debut, 'Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai', would make him a star overnight?
When I was making 'Kaho Naa… Pyaar Hai' (2000), I never imagined it would be such a big hit. But I was certain that Hrithik would get roles because he had done a fine job. In all humility, I credit it to the acumen God gave me not to portray him as a hero. I portrayed him as an actor.

● Just after the release, you were shot at by assailants in an extortion racket. How did it affect a young boy on threshold of stardom?
I have no idea what Hrithik felt at that time. He was constantly at my bedside. I was in the hospital for four to five days. But the biggest booster was the success of the film, which inspired me.

● Both being perfectionist, do you clash at times?
No, no no! Whenever he comes up with a suggestion, I listen and absorb it. I never reject it outright. After giving it a thought, if it seems right, I incorporate the change. But if I believe his idea could harm the previous scene, then I voice my concern. That understanding has always remained between us. Never have we argued or fought on the set. Never!

● How is he as a father?
Hrithik devotes all his free time to his children. They are more like friends. He's a much much better father than me.

● Has he grown more protective of you given the advancing years?
He's the main Roshan in the family. Rakesh Roshan has taken a backseat. Hrithik's in the front seat now. He looks after everyone's needs, guides us all the time.

To read the entire interview, scan the QR code with your phone camera

'Battle with cancer was all about willpower'

In 2020, amid the pandemic, Sanjay Dutt was diagnosed with lung cancer and the actor went through extensive treatment in Mumbai. Months later, the actor announced that he was cancer-free. About the battle with the Big C, Dutt recently told a news portal that it eventually came down to will power and keeping the faith. The actor said that by God's grace and the support of his family, doctors and well-wishers, he has recovered completely.

On October 21, 2020, Dutt shared that diagnosis and the treatment were very tough on him and his family, but it turned him into a strong soldier. The actor chose to reveal the news on his twins' tenth birthday. "The last few weeks were a very difficult time for my family and me. But as they say, God gives the hardest battles to his strongest soldiers. And today, I am happy to come out victorious from this battle and be able to give them the best gift I can--the health and well-being of our family," his note read.

Taapsee plans to take it easy in 2022

Between 2020 and 2021, despite the lockdowns and life slowing down overall, Taapsee Pannu did not lose pace. The actress went hopping from one film set to another, which explains how she had multiple releases last year, and has a laundry list for this year, too, with films like Do Baraah, Shabaash Mithu, Blurr and Woh Ladki Hai Kahan. Bring this up and Taapsee says, "I brought in the new year very happily because 2021 was over. Last year was a big battle in many ways and I survived it. It was a mentally and physically challenging year and I escaped unhurt. This year should be relatively easier for me, at least easier than what the last few years have been. I have planned 2022 in a way that I work at a relaxed pace. I have things spaced out in such a way that I won't be running from one film to another. Of course, the pandemic looks far from over. If another lockdown happens and things are forcibly moved around, it will crunch the spaces I have created for myself between my projects. And that's a different story altogether."

While Taapsee continues to take on assignments for the year, she is also actively planning her next set of productions.

Duniya Vijay to go salt-n-pepper look for Tollywood debut

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Duniya Vijay is all set to debut in Tollywood in an antagonist's role with Nandamuri Balakrishna. Balakrishna's 107th movie is directed by Gopichand Malineni. He is preparing to enter the high-octane entertainer with Balayya. By the middle of January 2022, Vijay will be off to Hyderabad for the shoot. He will stay there for around six months to complete the project. He said he will decide on the next project only after his Telugu debut.

Vijay feels he acts naturally and so has little fear about the project. "Kannada audiences will see how I have done there. So, I feel I wanted to work hard there. I have no tension but want to give my best performance. I think it is a very energetic character, I feel the energy will be felt once we enter into the character," he said. He is also working on his looks and physique. He told this reporter that audience can expect him in a Salt and Pepper bearded look and also a little makeover.

He said Balakrishna is a gifted actor and working with him is a pleasurable experience. "It is not only his talent, he has God's grace. Without that, it is not easy to pull such huge audiences to the theatres," he said. He said he also saw Balakrishna's recent movie, Akhanda. About what Balakrishna told him, Vijay said, "I heard you are a good fighter. I am also preparing. Let's fight together. He spoke like a small child and with lots of love and affection."